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Communist Student Groups Plan Anti-Nixon Demonstrations

Communist student groups are preparing to demonstrate against Vice President Nixon during his 48-hour visits to Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela which end on 15 May. Communist influence with student groups is particularly effective in Ecuador and Venezuela, while chronic violence in Colombia increases the possibility of outbreaks there. In all three countries, Communists are preparing leaflets urging anti-Nixon demonstrations.

Venezuelan Communists are emphasizing that Venezuelan youths should not let the Uruguayans--who staged hostile but nonviolent demonstrations during the Nixon visit in late April--outdo them in making protests. The violent outbreak in Peru on 8 May, however, may operate against Communist plans, since the governments of the three countries still to be visited will probably seek to demonstrate orderly rule. In Quito, the two major newspapers voluntarily suppressed news of the Lima incident lest publication encourage Ecuadorian leftists.

While the demonstrations appear to have been organized and led by Communists, the success of these efforts was facilitated by the economic difficulties between the US and Latin American countries. ~~(SECRET NOFORN)~~

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Anti-US Demonstrations Likely in Venezuela

Anti-US demonstrations to embarrass Vice President Nixon during his visit to Venezuela from 13 to 15 May are reported planned by a Communist-infiltrated student group. The demonstrations are to call for the ouster of US military missions in Venezuela.

The presence in the US of ousted dictator Perez Jimenez and his bitterly disliked security chief, Pedro Estrada, is generating strong feelings against the United States. Central trade union leaders, for instance, have been reluctant to invite Nixon to visit their headquarters because the two men whom they believe guilty of killing or torturing labor leaders have taken refuge in the United States.

Labor and student groups are especially restless at this time because of the ouster on 27 April of Hugo Trejo, assistant chief of staff of the armed forces, whom they regarded as the leading military proponent of civilian and democratic government. The sudden dispatch of Trejo as ambassador to Costa Rica was brought about by senior officers holdovers from the Perez regime who evidently feared his growing political and military influence. (SECRET NOFORN) (b)(1)(3)

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